

and the students of the Accelerated Nursing Program. Nevada State is making a tremendous difference throughout Southern Nevada, and the Nursing Program is helping to provide skilled workers to the health services across the state. I applaud Nevada State College's efforts and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING MISTY PENA

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Misty Pena of North Richland Hills, Texas, on receiving the venerated 2006 Presidential Freedom Scholarship. As a recipient of this prestigious award, she is recognized for her outstanding leadership and commitment to servicing of her community and its residents.

The Presidential Freedom Scholarship program, sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service and administered by Learn and Serve America, honors select high school juniors and seniors, displaying exceptional service and citizenship, with a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of their choice. To be eligible for nomination, individuals must have completed at least 100 hours of community service and receive the recommendation of their high school.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my sincere congratulations to Misty Pena on receiving this award and commend her dedication and desire to help her school, community, and country.

TRIBUTE TO REX GUYNN OF ZEPHYRHILLS, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of a distinguished constituent, Rex Guynn of Zephyrhills, Florida. Rex served as the acting fire chief and recently retired after 21 years of service.

Following his service in the U.S. Army, Rex began his career in 1985 as a firefighter. He quickly rose through the ranks to become a driver engineer, captain, fire inspector, assistant chief and acting chief in June 2006.

An avid runner throughout his life, Rex ran track as a kid and has completed marathons as an adult. In his free time, Rex enjoys hunting, fishing, golfing, motorcycle riding and praising the Lord. A member of the CARES Board that governs the senior center, Rex is also a faithful member of the Oasis Church where he serves as a missionary. Rex also is a member of the Florida Fire Marshal's Association, Prison Ministry, Christian Motorcycle Association, and the Rotary Club.

Rex and his wife, Melinda, have one son, Ryan, and one stepson, Blake. They lost a third son, Aaron, in a motorcycle accident after his military service in Iraq. Following Rex's last official day with the city on August 11, 2006, he and Melinda will travel to Uganda, Africa,

and spread the word of the Lord as missionaries.

Mr. Speaker, Rex Guynn has served the Zephyrhills community with distinction for 21 years. It is a testament to his desire to serve that he and his wife will continue their missionary work following his retirement. I commend Rex for his service and congratulate him on his retirement from the Zephyrhills Fire Department.

IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF GREGORY JACKSON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute and recognition of Gregory D. Jackson, Fire Chief of Bay Village, Ohio. Mr. Jackson is retiring after serving and protecting the people of Bay Village for over 33 years.

Gregory Jackson served our country as a member of the U.S. Air Force in Korea. Upon his return from military service, Mr. Jackson became a firefighter, working at NASA's Lewis Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio, before joining the Bay Village division in September 1972.

During his career, Jackson became one of the first firefighters trained as a paramedic. In 1976, he helped create the WeShare—West Shore Area Rescue program—that raised the standards of fire fighting skills. Mr. Jackson volunteered countless hours as an Emergency Medical Technician and fire academy instructor, training future generations of emergency responders. With a genuine concern for his community, it is no surprise that Jackson was also involved in the establishment of a centralized emergency response center for nearby suburbs.

In August 1979, Jackson was sworn in as fire chief. His tenure is the longest in Bay Village's history. Throughout his career, his wife, Kim; daughters, Michelle and Connie; and the people of his community have been thankful for his leadership.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in tribute and recognition of a man whose career has been spent sacrificing his own safety, for the safety of others. His commitment to the protection of the people of northeast Ohio will be missed tremendously. May he enjoy a retirement filled with happiness and good health.

IN HONOR OF JOE HALL

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of Joe Hall, who has recently retired after serving the citizens of Santa Cruz in various capacities since 1973.

Joe is best known in my office as the steward of the San Lorenzo River Flood Control Project, an effort on which we have worked together since I began my service in Congress and is finally nearing completion.

Through his hard work in the City of Santa Cruz Planning Department and later as assist-

ant director of the Santa Cruz Redevelopment Agency, Joe worked tirelessly to corral the resources of local, State, and Federal agencies toward a project that will provide vital flood protection to the residents and businesses of Santa Cruz.

He was the primary source of information for me as I advocated for the project in Washington, and I know he is as proud of the success of this project as I am.

There is no doubt that the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake is the defining moment for a generation of Santa Cruz residents, and Joe played an integral role in the miraculous redevelopment of a downtown that was literally leveled by the quake.

It might have been an accepted idea at the time to forget about downtown Santa Cruz and redevelop an economic base elsewhere in the area, but the visionary work of Redevelopment Director Ceil Cirillo, Joe, and other city officials led to an amazing rebirth in downtown that continues today.

Joe also was instrumental in the creation of legislation on the State level that provided a special bond financing mechanism to assist with the seismic retrofit of older buildings. While the legislation was approved too late to help Santa Cruz, other California cities have since benefited from Joe's ideas.

While Joe has been an outstanding employee of the city of Santa Cruz since 1973, he has also served the Santa Cruz community in a number of other capacities, including president of the board of education, a public affairs talk show host for a local public radio station, and an instructor in city planning at Cabrillo College.

And while Santa Cruz may have benefited most from Joe's good works, he has also served his country with honor and dignity. Commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army upon his graduation from UCLA, Joe served as a training officer for the U.S. Army Electronic Command and in 1996 he retired from the U.S. Army as a lieutenant colonel.

I am certain that I have not heard the last from Joe, as I expect he will remain an active member of the community, but I do want to wish he, his wife Marcella, and his children Eric and Christine, the best as they enter this exciting new chapter.

A SALUTE TO REGINA CARTER

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, as Dean of the Congressional Black Caucus, and Chairman of the Jazz Forum and Concert that occurs during the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference, I rise to salute the achievements of violinist Regina Carter, a rising star in the field of jazz. The following biography is found on Stephanie Jordan's own web site. It chronicles a career of accomplishment already deserving of high recognition, and of this body's thoughtful attention and respect:

Regina Carter's immersion in music began at the age of 2 when she took up piano followed by violin at the age of 4. Forever indebted to the Suzuki method of music teaching, the approach freed her from the rigid restraints of solely reading music and opened

her to the wonders of improvisation. Though her original focus was classical music, with the hope of being a soloist with a major symphony, the pull of Detroit's rich soul music legacy and the discovery of jazz broadened her horizons.

Regina attended Detroit's prestigious Cass Technical High School. Upon graduating, she departed for the New England Conservatory of Music, only to return to Michigan's Oakland University, seasoning her chops by gigging with several local musicians. She later joined the attention-grabbing all-female quartet Straight Ahead which recorded two albums for Atlantic Records. Carter departed the band in 1994, recording two solo albums for Atlantic while also making the most of her newfound New York connections by working with the likes of the String Trio of New York, Muhal Richard Abrams, and Greg Tate and the Black Rock Coalition.

Carter joined Verve Records in 1998 and has since recorded four critically acclaimed works of astounding maturity and variety: *Rhythms of the Heart*, *Motor City Moments*, (also produced by John Clayton), and *Paganini: After a Dream* (for which she made history by being the first African American and jazz musician to travel to Genoa, Italy to perform and record with the legendary Guarneri del Gesu violin owned by classical music virtuoso Niccolò Paganini), and a duet project with pianist Kenny Barron entitled *Freefall*. Her playing has also graced work that includes filmmaker Ken Burns' soundtrack for the PBS documentary, *Jazz*. Wynton Marsalis' opera *Blood on the Fields*; Cassandra Wilson's tribute to Miles Davis, *Traveling Miles*; and the queen of hip-hop soul Mary J. Blige. In the summer of 2006, Regina will join Latin Jazz pianist Eddie Palmieri for some dates related to his latest recording, the Grammy award-winning, *Listen Here*, on which she was also a guest.

Among her personal accomplishments is work she has done to spread the love of music to others, something that is touched upon in her one original composition on *I'll Be Seeing You*. John Clayton always insists that I write at least one original piece on every album" she says "I chose 'How Ruth Felt,' which is a commissioned piece that I wrote for a woman named Ruth Felt, President of San Francisco Performances, and Arts organization in San Francisco. I spent some time as an Artist-in-Residence there, teaching music to disadvantaged children and spreading the joy of music to people in community centers and churches around the Bay area. Ruth helped me tremendously while I was dealing with my mother's illness. I included 'How Ruth Felt' on my album as a way to say, 'Thank you.'"

Now Regina Carter is looking forward to a brighter 2006, filled with sharing the memory of her mother and the music of *I'll Be Seeing You: A Sentimental Journey* with people in a live context. "When I perform now, she shares, 'I feel different when I go on stage . . . stronger . . . like I've gone through something and really lived! I still get nervous, but all of those negative, critical voices that I used to hear in my head are gone. I think that's my mother . . . making me realize that none of that is important. This is my stage . . . It's what I do . . . and I'm having a good time.'"

200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
TOWN OF OTISCO CELEBRATED
ON AUGUST 12, 2006

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 200th anniversary of the Town of Otisco. Tucked away in Central New York, the Town of Otisco was formed from parts of the neighboring towns of Pompey, Marcellus, and Tully. Over its storied 200 years, the Town of Otisco has gone through many changes: In 1798, Oliver Tuttle was the first settler in Otisco, clearing land with his sons on the north end of Otisco Lake. Tuttle left, only to return with his entire family 4 years later. The Town of Otisco was officially created in 1806, as more settlers began to call the area home. As the population grew, the town began to experience changes such as the creation of a turnpike road started in 1806 to connect the Town of Otisco to the Town of Skaneateles.

Otisco has contributed its part to our nation. There are 42 Revolutionary soldiers and 57 Civil War soldiers buried in the town, all of whom called Otisco home. Otisco also had nine soldiers in the War of 1812, 22 soldiers in WWI, and 26 soldiers in WWII.

The town's population has slowly grown from 1,850 in the mid-19th century to 2,500 in 2000. Blessed by a pristine landscape and the beauty of Otisco Lake, the town provides a throwback feeling to the old days of small town living. To this day, farming is at the center of life in Otisco, and the lake is still the main area for activity.

On behalf of the constituents of the 25th District of New York, I congratulate the Town of Otisco and its citizens, both past and present, on 200 years of history.

HONORING DR. CLINTON BRISTOW,
JR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the life of Dr. Clinton Bristow, Jr., president of Alcorn State University.

Dr. Bristow, 57, became president of Alcorn State University, one of three Historically Black public Universities in Mississippi, on August 24, 1995. Prior to becoming president of Alcorn State University and 11 years of service and leadership, Dr. Bristow served as president of the Chicago Board of Education, dean of the College of Business at Chicago State University, and vice president at Olive-Harvey College in Chicago.

Dr. Bristow was committed to increasing the percentage of minority students attending graduate and professional school and increasing the public's awareness and appreciation of the value and contributions to society by land grant universities through their research, extension programs, and overall excellence. Under Dr. Bristow's direction, Alcorn doubled the percentage of students attending graduate/professional school, improved retention and

established a faculty research incentive program to enhance research in the life sciences, where the university has become a national leader in the production of African-American baccalaureate graduates in the life and agricultural sciences.

President Bristow was a visionary who worked closely with the administration and the community to move Alcorn forward academically. He referred to Alcorn State University, a college of 3,500 students situated in rural Mississippi as the "Academic Resort" and "Communiversity." He believed in quality education and made a difference in the lives of each of his students and believed that each student could make a difference in the world. The students were inspired by his passion for education and his belief in the success of their careers. Dr. Bristow cared deeply for the students and felt personally responsible for their education and stressed the importance of graduate and professional schools. He established relationships with universities in several countries and was responsible for implementing exchange programs and increasing the number of international student enrollment. President Bristow understood the needs of the university and the Alcorn community and used his shrewd business sense to help secure Federal funds to improve the "face" of Alcorn State's campus.

Dr. Bristow earned a B.A., J.D. and Ph.D. degrees from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and an MBA from Governors State University in University Park, Illinois.

The contributions Dr. Clinton Bristow, Jr. made to Alcorn State University will never be forgotten. He touched the lives of many students and alumni throughout his 11 year tenure as president of Alcorn and will truly be missed by the university, community, and his colleagues throughout the country. Please join me today in honoring the remarkable life of Dr. Clinton Bristow, Jr.

HONORING RABBI SOLOMON
SCHIFF

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor Rabbi Solomon Schiff on the occasion of his retirement as Director of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation's Community Chaplaincy Service, and as executive vice president of the Rabbinical Association of Greater Miami. The entire South Florida community has benefited from his more than 40 years of outstanding community service.

Rabbi Schiff has become one of the most recognizable members of the south Florida Jewish community, and his tremendous influence extends far beyond the Jewish people. As a spiritual advisor, an interfaith liaison, and a dedicated community leader, he has truly touched the lives of countless individuals representing all religious persuasions and backgrounds. Anyone having met Rabbi Schiff can attest to his love of his fellow man, his desire to make the world a kinder and gentler place, and his ability to bring people of all faiths and political persuasions together.

Rabbi Schiff has been called upon several times to offer prayers both in the House of